

## Sisters' S. C. E.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT.

By the time this reaches you through the columns of the EVANGELIST, you will have received the remittance blanks. I sent them to all the societies—directly to those whose president's names were given to me, and to the rest, through others. We confidently trust that by the time the next communication is to be sent out to the societies, the names of all the presidents will have been reported to me. It costs double labor, and double postage to send to those societies whose officers I do not know. Now, dear presidents, we trust by this time you have taken the voice of your society as to the purpose for which your money is to be used, and that you have placed the remittance blank in the hands of the secretary, with instructions to send your dues at once to the general treasurer. We hope you will all generously remember the Theological chair of Ashland University.

One of the great needs of the Brethren church is more ministers. "The harvest is great but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Let us help God to answer our prayers by affording young men the opportunity, of a theological education *in our own college*. If when this reaches you, you have not yet remitted to the general treasurer, I appeal to you to do so at once. *Do not neglect it*. Let us have an encouraging report from Sister Keim this spring. Since my last report of S. S. C. E. work, I have been to Philadelphia, Ridgely and Hagerstown. At Philadelphia, the sisters were organized and working under the name of "The Women's Benevolent Society," and have done good work. After presenting the interests of the S. S. C. E. to them on Friday night, by order of their president, sister Elia Laney, we called a special meeting for Saturday evening, and at that meeting they decided to accept our constitution, and work in harmony with our other societies. Only one sister voted a decided *no*, and that was because of the name. They have a Y. P. S. C. E., and she thought the two names being so similar, would sometimes cause confusion. She however, very sweetly accepted the decision of the society, and before I left she told me, "I am glad they accepted the constitution. It will be pleasant to feel that we are in touch with the general work." Our visit in Philadelphia was a very enjoyable one. I never felt so small as I did in the Philadelphia pulpit, when I remembered the great preachers in the

city, whom the people, assembled to hear me, might have heard, but I never preached to more appreciative audiences.

From Philadelphia, I went to Ridgely, Md., one of Brother Bowman's mission points, and there I found an earnest little band of true hearted Christians. I had expected to remain there three nights but found that I could not make connections so as to reach my Hagerstown appointment Friday night, except by leaving them Thursday noon. On Tuesday night we preached in a school house at Boonsboro, and on Wednesday night through the courtesy of the M. E. church, we occupied their pulpit in Ridgely. Our brethren there will rent the Reformed church for preaching services during the coming year. There are only about twenty, but they are in earnest and they will succeed. We organized an S. S. C. E. of ten members with sister Mellie Detwiler as president.

On Friday night we presented the interests of the S. S. C. E. in Hagerstown. As many of our brethren there are business men and find it impossible to leave their places of business on Saturday night, we had no services in town that evening but went out to Maugansville, the home of Brother Dooly and preached in the Union church there, to a large audience. On Sunday morning and night we had services in Hagerstown. This was the first time we ever had the pleasure of an inside view of their new church. It is a neat, pretty, and commodious structure of which they may well be proud. The membership at Hagerstown is not large but there are some large hearted brethren and sisters there. They have had a Ladies' Aid society there, and as Thursday of this week was the time for reorganization, it was left until then to decide whether or not they would accept the S. S. C. E. constitution. If they do not accept it at once, they will do so, in all probability, as soon as some of the present financial burden is lifted from their shoulders. They are now an independent church and almost alone, will support a pastor the present year. Many of them are heartily in sympathy with the S. S. C. E. work.

My next work will be at Meyersdale, Pa. I shall work in Pennsylvania from April 13, to about the first of May, visiting as many churches as possible.

Yours hopefully,

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P. S.—All correspondents will continue to address me at Mapleville, Md.

HEARTS may be attracted by assumed qualities, but the affections are only to be fixed by those that are real.—*De Moy*.

## FROM WATERLOO, IOWA.

"Let us not grow weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." "Bear ye one anothers' burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ." Our editor has given us a department in our church paper, and he is very anxious for us to have our column well filled. We enjoy the different articles. Our National president has written us a letter requesting us to give a report of our Sister's Society Christian Endeavor. I like that name. I hope we all will endeavor to work for our society. We are progressing nicely. We feel very much encouraged with our efforts. Our regular time for meeting is every two weeks unless our work is such that it requires our meeting oftener, and we are strengthened by its social element. I do not remember of our society holding a devotional meeting. We usually have quilting to do or other sewing on hand. We have given meals and were praised for our fine cooking. We have also given lawn sociables. Whenever we want to earn money we know it means work. We ask all the sisters to take hold and help us along. We appreciate the opportunity to do a good work and it is not a burden to us. We gave a birthday party not long since. We sent invitations to ladies only. Next time we may invite the gentlemen also. If any of the societies would like to know how the invitations were issued they can write to me.

Our society adopted the National constitution of the S. S. C. E. in 1893, and decided that all sisters of the Brethren church be considered members of the S. S. C. E., and that a free will offering be taken at each meeting. We always pass the contribution box at each meeting. Our collection amounted to over one dollar, the last time and not all the members were present. That is what gives life and strength to any good cause, a free will offering. We do not ask you to give more than you can with a good will. It is to benefit one just as much as another. Our society has had but two presidents since we first organized. Mrs. S. J. Harrison and Mrs. S. H. Bashor, and it is largely through them that our society is progressing. Several of the sisters that used to meet with us have moved away. Mrs. Shwalter, Holsinger, Murray and others. This is a very imperfect report of our society. We hope we can appoint someone to write an article that will give better satisfaction.

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HE is incapable of a truly good action who knows not the pleasure in contemplating the good actions of others.—*Lavater*.